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Poles Butter-Up Yugoslavs

The Poles are following up the successful 19-23 June visit 25X1 of Yugoslavia's Tito to Warsaw in word and deed. The Polish



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weekly, Literatura, has published one of the warmest commentaries on Yugoslavia yet to emanate from a bloc country since Moscow launched its policy of conciliation towards Belgrade earlier this year. Literatura heaped praise on Tito for his role in the post-war economic and political development of Yugoslavia and accounted for Yugoslavia's respected position throughout the world on the "courage of thinking, boldness of experimentation, and creative approach" of the Yugoslav leadership.

Meanwhile, additional information has come in regarding the economic agreements concluded during Tito's Warsaw visit. The most notable event was Warsaw's agreement to increase substantially the use of US dollars and other convertible currencies in bilateral payments. The agreements also provide for a substantial increase in Yugoslav rolling stock exports and will double Polish tourism in Yugoslavia. Additional industry-to-industry contracts are expected before the end of the year, including Polish production of parts for Yugoslavia's new Zastava automobile. The US embassy in Belgrade describes Yugoslavia's economic relations with Poland as "better" than with any other CEMA country. The total volume, however, still ranks behind Yugoslav trade with the USSR and Czechoslovakia.

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Belgrade Reacts to Albanian Attack

The Yugoslav press waited nine days before responding to a 15 June attack in the Albanian party daily Zeri i Popullit, on the Tito trip to Moscow. Although willing to absorb minor, periodic insults from Tirana, the Yugoslavs were not willing to let go unanswered Albania's attack on the Yugoslav-Soviet rapprochement and Tito's trip to the Soviet Union.

An editorial in Borba (mouthpiece for the mass organization SAWPY) on 24 June took the Albanians to task for their intolerance, as well as for the discrepancy between this article and other Albanian statements on the need for improved bilateral relations. The contradiction in Albanian statements is explainable in terms of Tirana's paranoia when it comes to the Soviets. The Hoxha regime remembers all too well that Stalin--in the immediate post-war period--was willing to give Tito a free hand in taking over Albania.

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Nonaligned Conference to Honor Tito

A monument in honor of the original four leaders of the nonaligned movement (Tito, Nasser, Nkrumah and Nehru), will be unveiled next month in Georgetown, Guyana. The occasion will be the annual nonaligned foreign ministers' preparatory conference which is held each year prior to the opening of the UN General Assembly. Tito is the sole surviving member of the movement's "big four," and Georgetown had hoped he would attend in person. While Tito revels in adulation, his advanced age (80 years) and pressing problems at home (preparations for the next party conference) prevent his attending. Belgrade will be represented by Foreign Minister Mirko Tepavac.

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Anti-Soviet Scholar Elected Head of Zagreb University

Dr. Predrag Vranicki was elected rector of Zagreb University on 30 June, replacing the controversial Dr. Ivan Supek whose support of nationalist student leader Ivan Cicak last year had undermined Supek's already tenuous position.

Vranicki is one of the founding fathers of the somewhat unorthodox journal Praxis. He is, however, best known for his work, History of Marxism, which contains a strong denunciation of the current Soviet leaders for not having divested themselves of Stalinism. Vranicki was also one of the foremost critics of the Soviet-led occupation of Czechoslovakia.

Speaking to the University Assembly, outgoing rector Supek defended and reviewed his four years in office in terms of cultivating the University's tradition of freedom of speech and tolerance. In addition to Vranicki's election, the session elected two prorectors from the ranks of the professors (normally one prorector comes from the student body): Dr. Josip Ivaos, faculty of Veterinary science; and Dr. Tomislav Lovric, faculty of technology.

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